



Snohomish County

Parks and Recreation

Aaron Reardon

County Executive

(425) 388-6600
FAX (425) 388-6645

6705 Puget Park Drive
Snohomish, WA 98296

September 5, 2012

Dear Reader and Interested Citizen:

Addendum #36 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Update, issued December 13, 2005, has been prepared by Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation. This addendum provides additional environmental information for the proposed adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. The 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan will update and replace the 2007 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.

The addendum adds further information to the analysis contained in the previously issued Draft and Final EIS. The document addresses the environmental information related to the adoption of the proposed 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan and is part of the county's phased environmental review of GMA plans and regulations. Specific project actions identified in the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan will require further detailed environmental review at the permit stage of development.

Review of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan will occur at public hearings before the Snohomish County Planning Commission on September 11, 2012 and subsequent briefing and public hearing before the Snohomish County Council.

The Snohomish County Council is anticipated to hold a public hearing in November 2012, to consider the entire record and hear public testimony on the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.

We invite you to comment on the proposed 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan during the county review process. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Swan, Senior Park Planner, at 425.388.6616.

Sincerely,

Sharon Swan
Senior Park Planner
Snohomish County Parks

ADDENDUM NO. 36
TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
GMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
10-YEAR UPDATE

Adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan
as an update of the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan
of the County GMA Comprehensive Plan

Prepared Consistent With:

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30



Date of Issuance: September 5, 2012

FACT SHEET

Project Title:	2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan
Proposed Non-Project Action:	Adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan, which updates and replaces the 2007 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan as part of the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan.
Purpose of the FEIS Addendum:	<p>The purpose of this addendum is to add information and analysis relating to the non-project programmatic county action of updating and revising the 2007 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan by adopting the <u>2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan</u>. This information expands upon previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county's GMA Comprehensive Plan/General Policy Plan EIS dated May 4, 2004 (Draft EIS) and December 13, 2005 (Final EIS), but does not substantially change the analysis.</p> <p>No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the FEIS are expected to occur. Revisions to the proposal may be considered during the public hearing process. No additional programmatic action level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this addendum or other published documents have analyzed such changes.</p>
Description of Proposal:	The 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan updates the Comprehensive Park Plan component of the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan. The 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan addresses GMA requirements related to parks as well as Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office planning requirements.
Location of Proposal:	Unincorporated Snohomish County
Action Sponsor/ Lead Agency:	Snohomish County Department of Parks & Recreation 6705 Puget Park Drive Snohomish, WA 98296

**Required Approval/
Review**

Adoption of an ordinance by the Snohomish County Council amending the GMA Comprehensive Plan through the adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan.

**Circulation and
Comment:**

This Addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of the previously issued Draft and Final EIS (Appendix A) as required by WAC 197011-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8) (c).

Contact Person:

Sharon Swan, Senior Park Planner
Snohomish County Department of Parks & Recreation
Phone: 425.388.6616

Date of Issuance:

September 5, 2012

**Responsible Official:
Position/Title**

Tom Teigen, Director
Snohomish County Department of Parks & Recreation
6705 Puget Park Drive
Snohomish, WA 98296

Signature



Tom Teigen, Director

**Tentative date of
Implementation:**

January 1, 2013

Public Hearings:

A County Council public hearing on the proposal is anticipated to be held November 15, 2012.

Documents:

The Draft 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan is available for viewing at the Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation administrative offices (6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish WA 98296).

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Summary Description of Proposed Action:

The proposed non-project action is the adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan (Plan) as a part of the Snohomish County Growth Management Act (GMA) Comprehensive Plan, updating and replacing the 2007 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. This document has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA), Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.70A. This Plan includes the Park and Recreation Element of the Snohomish County Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), which implements and is consistent with the CFP, as it relates to park facilities.

Snohomish County has previously determined that the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan, of which the Capital Facilities and Park Plans are a part, could have significant adverse impacts on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c) whenever an action has a probable significant adverse environmental impact. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) authorizes lead agencies to use, in whole or in part, existing environmental documents set forth in RCW 43.21.C.030 and .034.

Snohomish County finds that the proposals for the action contain substantially similar elements that provide the basis for summarizing their environmental consequences even though they are not identical. Snohomish County has reviewed the FEIS for the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan dated December 13, 2005, and has determined that the information and analysis is relevant and adequate to meet the SEPA EIA requirements for adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan if additional documentation is supplied.

The updated Plan does not introduce new or significant impacts or new alternatives from those identified in the FEIS. Snohomish County is issuing this addendum to the FEIS for the purpose of supplying additional information about the proposal and its impacts beyond those contained in the FEIS.

Environmental Review:

(A) General

This addendum documents a programmatic change resulting from the proposed 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan and does not significantly change the analysis contained in the Environmental Impact Statement prepared in 2005 for the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Adoption of the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan is a non-project action. Implementation of projects identified in the Plan will include an independent SEPA review, if it is over threshold levels, and impacts of the project will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

(B) Capital Facility Impacts

1) Water Resources

Any infrastructure or improvements developed pursuant to the Plan could create temporary impacts on surface water quality. The Final EIS (FEIS), Section 3.1.3 addresses potential water resource impacts. No additional mitigating measures are identified beyond those identified in the FEIS.

2) Air Quality

The potential air quality impacts that could result from capital improvements in the Plan are addressed in the Draft EIS (DEIS) and FEIS sections 3.1.2. No additional mitigating measures are identified beyond those included in the DEIS and FEIS.

3) Hazardous/Toxic Substances

No production, storage, or release of hazardous/toxic substances should be involved in any proposed capital facilities project.

4) Noise

Potential noise impacts from capital improvements associated with the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS sections 3.2.7 and include potential impacts. No additional mitigating measures are identified beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

5) Plants, Animals, Fish, Marine Life

Any disturbance or destruction of any flora or fauna listed on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) list (e.g. salmon) as the result of the construction of capital improvements is addressed in sections 3.1.6 and 3.1.7 of the DEIS and FEIS respectively. No additional mitigating measures are identified beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

6) Energy

Potential energy impacts associated with the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS sections 3.2.8.

7) Parks/Sensitive Resource Areas

Potential impacts of park improvements associated with the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan are addressed in the DEIS and FEIS sections 3.2.10.

8) Land and Shoreline Use

The proposed Plan is also consistent with the adopted land use element as presented within the Snohomish County General Policy Plan, as amended. The population projection for Snohomish County, prepared by the State Office of Financial Management, is the foundation for both the land use element and the capital facilities need analysis. The spatial distribution of the population may be found in Appendix D of the GPP. Long-term capital needs and proposed

financing strategies reflect this forecast, as well as the GPP's delineation of urban growth areas and the resultant distribution of new urban growth to the cities in the county.

9) Transportation

The DEIS and FEIS sections 3.2.6 address transportation impacts and mitigation measures potentially associated with the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. No additional mitigating measures are identified beyond those identified in the DEIS and FEIS.

10) Capital Facilities and Utilities

DEIS and FEIS sections 3.2.8 through 3.2.16 address potential impacts on public services associated with the 2013 Snohomish County Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. Snohomish County's utility inventory is updated continually with information from the most recent comprehensive water and wastewater system plans.

Electric power supply needs and issues are addressed in the most recent electric power comprehensive plan (Snohomish County Public Utilities District No. 1 (PUD)).

General Policy Plan Summary

The Snohomish County General Policy Plan establishes goals, objectives, policies and implementation measures for carrying out the mandates of the GMA. The Capital Facilities section contains eleven separate goals, together with supporting objectives and policies, which address capital facility planning for county facilities. Goal 7 of the Capital Facilities section provides objectives and policies specific to provision of park services in Snohomish County.

The proposed Plan is consistent with the GPP as it addresses Goal 7 of the Capital Facilities section and promotes development and maintenance of a system of parks to meet the needs of current and future residents for both community and regional recreational opportunities. The Plan further meets objective 7a which states that the county is to maintain a Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan which identifies guidelines and priorities for acquiring parklands and developing recreational facilities to meet existing and projected growth needs. The Plan lastly meets policy 7.A.2 by providing a guiding document to determine future park projects and develop the six year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), as it relates to park facilities. The proposed Plan also functions as the GMA defined Park and Recreation Element of the CFP and implements and is consistent with that plan.

APPENDIX A

Distribution List

Federal Agencies

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Natural Resources Conservation

State Agencies

Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Corrections
Department of Ecology
Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Health
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Social and Health Services
Department of Transportation
Department of Transportation, NW Region
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Parks and Recreation Commission
The Office of the Governor
Utilities and Transportation Commission
WA State Energy Office
WA State Recreation and Conservation Office

Regional Agencies and Interest Groups

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Puget Sound Partnership
Puget Sound Regional Council
Regional Transit Authority

Snohomish County Agencies and Interest Groups

1000 Friends of Snohomish County
152nd St. Neighborhood Coalition
Action Council for Esperance
Agriculture Tomorrow
Arlington Heights Comm.
Canyon Firs Homeowners Assn.
Cavalero Residents for Responsible Growth
Community Transit
Crestline Estates Action
Economic Development Council of Snohomish County
Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
Everett Transit
Friends of Florence Acres

Futurewise

Housing Authority of Snohomish County
Jordan Road Citizens
Kayak Point Citizens Group
League of Women Voters
Little Bear Creek Protective Assn.
Martha Lake Community Club
Martha Lake Homeowners
Master Builders Assoc. of King and Sno. Co.
McKee's Evergreen Beach
Newberg Organization
North Creek Rural Areas
North Marysville Citizens
Picnic Point Community
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Possession Bay Association
Professional Consultants
Silver Lake Action Comm.
Smartgrowth Campaign
Snohomish Arlington Trail Coalition
Snohomish Co/Camano Island Board of Realtors
Snohomish County Conservation District
Snohomish County Department of Public Works
Snohomish County Sheriff
Snohomish County Solid Waste Division
Snohomish County Surface Water Mgt. Div.
Snohomish Health District
Snohomish Wetlands Alliance
So. Sno. Co Chamber of Commerce
Sound Transit
Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
Swamp Creek Locust Way
Tom Ehrlichman
Toyer Consulting & Advocacy, LLC
Wandering Creek Homes

Neighboring Planning Departments

Chelan County Planning Dept.
Dept. of Dev. & Environ Services (King Co.)
Island County Planning Dept.
Skagit County Planning Dept.

Tribes

Muckleshoot Tribes
Sauk/Suiattle Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribe
Tulalip Tribes

Utilities

Alderwood Water District
Cascade Natural Gas
Cross Valley Water District
Diking District #2
Highland Water Assn.
King County Wastewater Treatment Division
Lake Stevens Sewer District
METRO
Mukilteo Water District
Olympic View Water and Sewer District
Puget Sound Energy
Roosevelt Water Assn.
Seven Lakes Water Assn.
Silver Lake Water and Sewer
Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.
Snohomish County PUD No. 1
Three Lakes Water Assn.

Cities

City of Arlington
City of Bothell
City of Brier
City of Edmonds
City of Everett
City of Gold Bar
City of Granite Falls
City of Lake Stevens
City of Lynnwood
City of Marysville
City of Mill Creek
City of Monroe
City of Mountlake Terrace
City of Mukilteo
City of Stanwood
City of Sultan
Town of Darrington
Town of Index
Town of Woodway

Arlington School District
Darrington School District
Edmonds School District #15
Everett School District
Granite Falls School District
Index School District
Lake Stevens School District
Lakewood School District
Marysville School District
Monroe School District
Mukilteo School District
Northshore School District

School Districts

Snohomish School District

Stanwood School District
Sultan School District

Fire Districts & Ports

Fire District 1 South County
Fire District 10 Bothell
Fire District 12 Marysville
Fire District 15 Tulalip
Fire District 17 Granite Falls
Fire District 19 Silvana
Fire District 21 Arlington
Fire District 23 Robe
Fire District 27 Hat Island
Fire District 4 Snohomish
Fire District 7 Clearview
Paine Field Fire District

Newspapers

Arlington Times
Bothell-Kenmore Reporter
Enterprise Newspaper
Lake Stevens Journal
Marysville Globe
Mill Creek Enterprise
Monroe Monitor
Mukilteo Beacon
Seattle Times – North Bureau
Snohomish County Tribune
The Edmonds Beacon
The Herald
Woodinville Weekly

Libraries

Arlington Library
Bothell Library
Brier Public Library
Darrington Library
Edmonds Public Library
Everett Public Library
Granite Falls Library
Lake Stevens Library
Lynnwood Public Library
Marysville Public Library
Mill Creek Library
Monroe Library
Mountlake Terrace Library
Mukilteo Public Library
Snohomish Public Library
Sno-Isle Regional Library
Stanwood Library
Sultan Library